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Attn: Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington DC 20231

Re: Inventor(s) : **PIERRE M. HAM, ALAIN M. BLANCHON,  
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Atty. Dkt# : **J-9901-US**  
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STRUCTURE FOR RADIAL FLOW SYSTEM**  
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[ 37 C.F.R. 1.97(b) ]

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56 and 1.97, applicant is disclosing the references cited in the attached PTO Form 1449. A copy of each of the references listed is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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